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April 29, 1997

IN REPLY REFER TO

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Mr. James van Loben Sels, Director
CALTRANS, 1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Mr. Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: SCAG 1996/97 FTIP AMENDMENT No. 96-02

We have completed our review of the Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Amendment No. 96-02 and 96-02 Transit to its 1996/97 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted with your letter dated April 1, 1997. We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 as revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993, and effective November 29, 1993.

We find that this SCAG TIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC app 1607). Most of the projects included in this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §93.134]. The East Cathedral Canyon Channel Bridge (old Hwy. 111) widening project is not covered by the "Exempt project" listing (40 CFR §93.134) in EPA's Air Quality Conformity Rule. The listing of projects that do not require a Regional Conformity finding include bridge widening, but only if no additional travel lanes are added. We will work with SCAG and the local agency to find a resolution to this matter, but did not want to hold up our action on this TIP Amendment in the process.

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional offices of the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of SCAG's TIP Amendment No. 96-02 and 96-02 Transit (excluding the Cathedral City Bridge Widening project) into California's

*Approved by FTA
May 29 letter
attached*

1996/97 to 1998/99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Our approval is based on Caltrans' assurance that the funding for this project does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial plan.

Sincerely,

/s/ Erv Poka for

Leslie Rogers
Deputy Regional Administrator
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/s/ Spencer Stevens for

David H. Densmore
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
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Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: SCAG 1996/97 FTIP AMENDMENT No. 96-02 Cathedral City Bridge

In our April 29, 1997 letter (enclosed) approving the inclusion of the Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) TIP Amendment No. 96-02 into California's 1996/97 to 1998/99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), we excluded the Cathedral City Bridge Widening project until it could be included in a Regional emissions analysis. SCAG's letter dated May 20, 1997 (enclosed) verified that the Cathedral City Bridge widening project was modeled by SCAG staff during the modeling for the approved FY 1996-2003 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

This letter constitutes approval, and inclusion of SCAG's entire TIP Amendment No. 96-02 and 96-02 Transit (**including** the Cathedral City Bridge Widening project) into California's 1996/97 to 1998/99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Our approval is based on Caltrans' assurance that the funding for this project does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial plan.

Sincerely,

for Leslie Rogers
Deputy Regional Administrator
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(for) David H. Densmore
Division Administrator
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